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CORRESPONDENTS MOBILIZE IN FAR EAST TO COVER FIGHTING IN KOREA

Press Club Members Are Among First to File On-the-Spot Dispatches from Front

As American ground troops clashed with North Korean armored elements in the third week of the hot war between Communist-run North Korea and the Republic of Korea, newspapers, press services and magazines were rushing their top correspondents to cover the Far Eastern fighting.

FRANK GIBNEY WOUNDED IN BRIDGE BLAST

OPC Member Becomes First Casualty Among Newsman Covering Korean Fighting

FRANK BRAY GIBNEY, Club Member and Time correspondent, became the first newsman to be wounded in combat in the Korean war when the jeep in which he and two other correspondents were escaping from Seoul, was dynamited.

GIBNEY, who had arrived in Korea from Tokyo several days before, was with KEYES BEECH, Chicago Daily Newsman, and Burton Crane of the New York Times in the exodus from Seoul. Their jeep was about to cross a bridge over the Han River south of the Korean capital when a premature demolition shattered the jeep windshield. GIBNEY and Crane were cut about the face and head.

In a dispatch dated June 28, a New York Herald Tribune writer reported, "A bright red sheet of flame was seen by this correspondent as I was about to cross the bridge. The structure was ripped by the explosion, and two correspondents who were closer to the dynamiting were injured." Mr. Crane described the incident in a message to his newspaper, relating that "KEYES BEECH...was in the rear seat and escaped un-hurt. He led us away from the wrecked jeep, bandaged our wounds and washed out our eyes."

A later Tokyo report said both newsmen were flown to Japan for treatment.

Newsmen-veterans of World War II this week were unmoth-ballng war correspondents' uniforms and heading for the Korean battle areas. Most papers and wire services with staffers in Japan were reshifting personnel to blanket the war with on-the-spot coverage.

Among Associated Press representatives dispatched to the Korean front last week was photographer CHARLES P. GORRY, who doubles on a typewriter between camera shots. In Korea for United Press is Member ROBERT C. MILLER, who covered both European and Pacific theaters during World War II.

KEYES BEECH of the Chicago Daily News narrowly escaped injury in the flight from Seoul (see adjoining article), while WALTER SIMMONS, Chicago Tribune correspondent, reported from Suwon June 28 that he, a UP reporter and American Ambassador Muccio were almost killed in an air attack by two North Korean Yak fighters.

Meanwhile, other OPC Members were alerted for possible assignment to Korea. Columbia Broadcasting System announced June 30 that BILL COSTELLO, veteran CBS correspondent, and BILL DOWNS, who recently returned to the U.S. from Berlin, have been sent to the Far East. COSTELLO will head up the squad of newsmen CBS is mobilizing in Tokyo. At the same time, another Member, HARRY KERN, Newsweek foreign editor, who was on an inspection trip to Japan when the invasion broke, was reported at press time to be poised to fly to the Korean war front.

Thus far no censorship has been applied to correspondents in Korea. General MacArthur's public information officer, however, requested the cooperation of newsmen in preventing North Koreans from learning "helpful information."

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THE OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB ANNOUNCES
A "ROUNDTABLE ON KOREA"

Wednesday, July 12, 5:15 PM ----- Clubrooms, 1475 Broadway

Next Wednesday the OPC inaugurates a new program feature with its "Roundtable on Korea", an informal panel discussion between informed Club Members, military experts and representatives of the Republic of Korea. Those with first-hand knowledge of the war area and Members recently returned from Korea will be present. A solid agenda is planned, but there will be no set speeches. Presiding officer will be WILLIAM P. GRAY, who was in the Far East several months ago on a news-gathering tour. There will be no door fee, but refreshments will be available.

: O F F I C I A L :

The Chairman of the Admissions Committee announces the election to membership in the Overseas Press Club of America of the following candidates:

ACTIVE: WILLIAM H. LOWE, Cowles Publications
WILLIAM A. BURNS, NBC Press Department
ROBERT EUNSON, Associated Press

ASSOCIATE: BERNARD G. DAVIS, Ziff-Davis Publishing Company

GUEST: LEO M. REA, Gazzetta del Popolo of Turin, Italy

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The President announces the appointment of PATRICIA LOCHRIDGE as Co-Chairman of the Club's Membership Committee.

With the cooperation of the Public Relations Committee, various types of letters of invitation to join the Club are being drafted. These letters may be signed and sent by Members to eligible friends.

Members who know of eligible overseas correspondents, newsmen, commentators, newscasters, cameramen, feature writers, etc., are urged to help secure new Members or revive the memberships of those now on the inactive list. All Members need to do is select the type letter best suited to their purpose and sign it, possibly with a personal word as a postscript.

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At the annual meeting of the Correspondents Fund held on June 16, the following officers were elected: LOWELL THOMAS, President; EDWARD R. MURROW, LLOYD STRATTON and OTTO TOLISCHUS, Vice-Presidents; CLYDE E. BROWN, Secretary; and LUCIAN S. KIRTLAND, Treasurer. President LOUIS P. LOCHNER was elected a new trustee.

The secretary reported that, during the past year, the number of applications for emergency assistance exceeded that of any previous year. Receipts came from Club activities. President LOCHNER, MURROW and RALPH J. FRANTZ were appointed as a special committee to explore methods of increasing the capital amount of the Fund.

It was voted that the secretary and treasurer, in cooperation with the OPC, prepare a booklet containing pertinent information about the Fund. This booklet would be made available to OPC Members and others who may be interested.

A vote of appreciation was extended to BILL DOWNS, who endorsed over to the Fund the royalty check he received for his contribution to the Club book, "As We See Russia."

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COMMITTEE TO FIND CLUB HOME NAMED BY GOVERNORS

An 11-member committee to explore possibilities for acquiring a permanent home for the Overseas Press Club was activated by the Board of Governors at its July 5 meeting. President LOCHNER announced that the following had been asked to serve on the committee:

JEWEL DE BONILLA
LAWRENCE BLOCHMAN
JOSEF DINE
HENRY GELLERMANN

HANS HINRICHES
JOCK LAWRENCE
HAL LEE
JOSEPH LEVY

FRANC SHOR
SPYROS P. SKOURAS
JOSEPH WURZEL

The committee, LOCHNER said, would first survey all possibilities and then propose ways and means of financing the project.

The President's report included mention of his recent trip to Washington, news on the state of the Club and word that JOHN BARKHAM has accepted the chairmanship of the Awards Committee. The Board then approved a motion authorizing the President to appoint a Washington Liaison Committee of Members in the capital who would work on Club projects there.

Reports were then made by representatives of the Book, Program, Membership, Radio and Television, Library and House Committees. The Membership Committee Co-Chairman, HAL BOYLE, submitted his resignation due to planned irregular absence from the city. This was accepted with regret and a vote of commendation.

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TV POSTSCRIPT: In the wake of the termination of the Overseas Press Club's television show has come a significant comment from the Saturday Review of Literature. In a recent issue, it listed "Overseas Press Club" among four "television programs worth seeing."

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ORCHIDS TO: American Broadcasting Company's PAULINE FREDERICK who won a "headliner award" for "distinguished service in the field of journalism", at the Detroit annual convention recently of Theta Sigma Phi, national society for newspaperwomen...TO Past President LOWELL THOMAS. On June 30 he was awarded the Silver Buffalo Medal of the Boy Scouts of America for his "distinguished service to boyhood"...TO: Three Club Members whose books continue to rate on the best-seller lists: JOHN GUNTHER ("Roosevelt in Retrospect"), VICTOR LASKY ("Seeds of Treason") and QUENTIN REYNOLDS ("Courtroom").

GLOBE-TROTTERS: On June 27 ADELE NATHAN sailed for Holland, Belgium and a coastwise steamer trip through the fjords of Denmark and Norway...ERNEY PRINCE off July 6 for England, France, Germany, Austria, Italy, Spain and Scandinavia to ink contracts for reprints of Dell Publications in the various languages...The New York Times' RALPH D. GOLDBURGH just in from Frankfurt...IVAN DMITRI in Mexico for six weeks for the Satevepost...Also in Mexico City: JOE LAITIN, on a special assignment for Reuters...BEA MATHIEU off for two months in Paris and London for The New Yorker on July 15.

WORKING PRESS: The July 18 Reporter features HAL LEHRMAN's "Fair Deal for the Turks". He's also busy reviewing books on his specialties -- Russians, Iron Curtain countries, Yugoslavia, Israel and Middle East -- for the New York Times...GUEST APPEARANCES: On July 4 SIGRID SCHULTZ was one of two "peoples counsels" on DuMont's Court of Current Issues telecast (which featured OPC Members); MAJOR GEORGE FIELDING ELIOT on Mutual's July 1 "Twenty Questions" broadcast...GERALDINE FITCH on Barry Gray's WMCA show, on Formosa..

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WISH-YOU-WERE-HERE DEPARTMENT: Off on an eight-week vacation is EDWARD R. MURROW, whose Monday-Friday evening news slot is being filled by LARRY LESUEUR...ARCH STEELE of the New York Herald Tribune writes from Boise, Idaho, that he and his wife took in all the Lincoln memorials on their way out West on vacation...LEO BRANHAM on July 5 reluctantly returned to his AP desk after swimming and sun-bathing at Meriden, Conn. ... In town the other day: FRANK HANDY of the Ypsilanti (Mich.) Daily Press. He was warmly welcomed by Members at the Ewing luncheon on June 28...

BOOKENDS: Originally published as "A Corner of the World", ROBERT SHAPLEN's book has been redubbed "The Love-Making of Max-Robert" and issued this month by Signet...Next November Macmillan releases "Shantymen and Shantyboys: Songs of the Sailor and Lumberman" by WILLIAM DOERFLINGER. For 20 years DOERFLINGER pursued his relatively unknown hobby, tracking down these elusive and disappearing melodies, recording them from the lips of the few remaining shantymen and shantyboys. Words and music of more than 150 such songs are reproduced for the first time in this book.

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THE OVERSEAS TICKER : Just returned to his Paris headquarters after several months in Germany is OLLIE STEWART, who checks in with a new address: 35 Avenue Junot...MARY BURSTEN is now in Munich where he headed last week on 24 hours notice to cover the Displaced Persons Conference for several publications... Former SHAEF public relations officer COL. R. ERNEST DUPUY and his wife are tripping through Munich, Vienna, Oberammergau and other points adjacent...

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**McCLOY REJECTS PROTEST
BY OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB
TO REVOKE JULY 1 ORDERS**

John J. McCloy, U.S. High Commissioner for Germany, in a reply to an Overseas Press Club message protesting orders curtailing housing privileges for American correspondents in Berlin, last week declared that "the issue involved is whether correspondents pay their own way beginning July 1 (the date on which the orders became effective) or continue to receive Government subsidy. In my opinion, the latter alternative is neither proper for Government nor correspondents."

McCloy's statement was contained in a cable received by President LOCHNER on June 21. The Overseas Press Club protest, reported in The Bulletin on June 17, was inspired by a request for cooperation from the American Correspondents Association in Berlin.

Discussing the refusal of Government officials to suspend the regulations, Editor and Publisher on June 24 said, "Anticipated higher prices and the instability of investments there are not the only considerations, Berlin newsmen have indicated in correspondence with the Overseas Press Club...The possibility of being subjected to German pressure and Russian interference is a long-range threat, they have indicated," Moreover, E & P also reported that "Berlin correspondents are known to be concerned about use of the commissary to purchase food, a privilege officially extended only to October 1; and use of the Army's APO Postal System, also available to October 1".

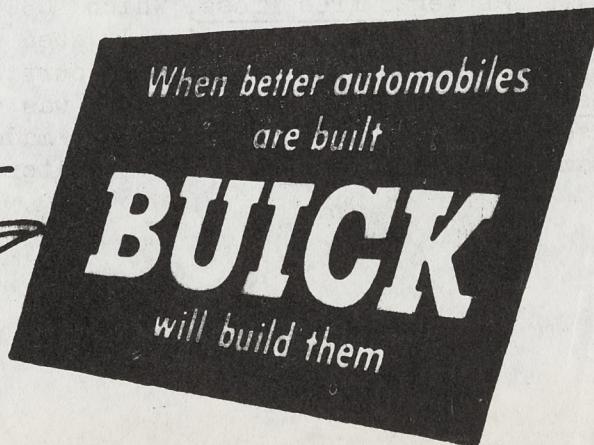
**LOCHNER VISITS WASHINGTON,
CONFERS WITH PRESS CLUB
AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS**

President Louis P. LOCHNER last month spent two days in Washington, D. C., laying the groundwork for the visit of a delegation of OPC officers to prominent Government officials, including President Truman. He also conferred with the manager of the National Press Club, from whom LOCHNER received valuable information relative to management of a clubhouse such as the OPC hopes to secure this year. LOCHNER likewise reported meeting various Club Members now working in Washington.

SUMMER SUBLET: Four-room furnished apartment available for the summer season. Telephone ROBERT ECKHOUSE, WAtkins 9-3012.

ACME's BERT BRANDT is in Europe to cover the second try of pretty Shirley May Frances to swim the English Channel. BRANDT covered Shirley May's departure aboard the "Queen Elizabeth" and hopped to Britain to catch her arrival at Southampton....

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EWING DEFENDS PLANS,
FOR MEDICINE CONTROL
BEFORE OPC AUDIENCE

Defending the Truman administration's proposed national health program as "everything but socialistic in its ends," Oscar R. Ewing, Federal Security Administrator, last week chided the press as supposedly being "too smart to fall for the socialized medicine gag". He spoke before more than 60 Members and their guests who met in the North Room of New York's Town Hall. His speech was recorded by newsreel for telecasting over the Columbia Broadcasting System and by FM station WFDR.

The crusader for increased health benefits, who returned recently from an inspection tour of Sweden, Switzerland, Germany, Italy, Greece, Ireland and Great Britain, denied charges he had gone abroad to collect "ammunition to push through national health insurance." He declared opponents of the plan were only contributing to nation-wide pressure in his favor by making such claims. He did, however, make a special effort to "find out what's wrong with Britain's health program." His answer to this question, he said, was echoed in England's recent parliamentary elections in which, according to Mr. Ewing, both the Socialist and Conservative parties sought to take credit for the country's health project.

Mr. Ewing expressed surprise that British educational institutions were receiving monetary grants from the British Government. In contrasting British aid to education, he stated that he had heard Yale University "within the last few weeks, has very seriously considered shutting down its medical school." (This report was flatly denied in a New York Herald Tribune article on June 29 which quoted retiring President Charles Seymour to the effect that "at no time has the question of discontinuation of Yale's School of Medicine been discussed...")

In a question period in which he further defended the Administration's health program, Ewing was unable to state what popular reaction his proposals had stimulated. "We are so highly organized in the Federal Security Agency," he said, "that I do not see my own mail."

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"THE 'FLYING SAUCER' IS GOOD NEWS" is the title of HENRY J. TAYLOR's revealing piece about America's newest military secret in the July Reader's Digest...In the same issue: a capsulization of the Life article, "Mr. President Eisenhower", by QUENTIN REYNOLDS...In Coronet for July is DICKSON HARTWELL's profile, "John Crosby: Gadfly of Radio..."

THE HOUSE COMMITTEE reminds all Members that the Clubrooms overlooking Times Square are available for private entertainments given by any Member. The date should be cleared with the Club office, and the Member must cover incidental expenses of cleaning, service, etc., as well as refreshments. The House Committee will be glad to assist at these functions, in accordance with a "standard operating procedure" established last year...HUGH CONWAY has received a report from Reuters showing that his latest article, "Bare Facts on American Nudists", has appeared thus far in newspapers in India, Italy, Greece and France. He would appreciate tearsheets from any overseas Members who see the piece...KATHRYN CRAVENS is now working on a new novel, "Pursuit of Gentlemen"...The Norwegian Ambassador recently presented the Knight Cross, First Class, of the Order of St. Olav to New York Herald Tribune columnist WALTER LIPPMANN...

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LEGAL TROUBLES: After failing to appear for examination April 6, columnist Westbrook Pegler on June 15 attended a hearing at the office of the attorney for QUENTIN REYNOLDS, who has filed a \$500,000 suit against the Hearst writer. The suit followed publication of a Pegler column last November concerning a review REYNOLDS had written of a Heywood Broun bio. Reporters were barred from the hearing...Veteran newsman HENRY MOSCOW last month found himself plaintiff in two court actions. Last week the International Typographical Union dissolved its Las Vegas Free Press, which MOSCOW edited. The former New York Post m.e. and three principal staffers immediately sued for \$4,900 in back pay. The week before MOSCOW's attorney filed suit in Supreme Court, Manhattan, for \$70,000 damages against two current Post editors. MOSCOW charged he "was dismissed from his employment...in consequence of the false and malicious representations made by the defendants", whom he named as Paul Sann and James Wechsler, Post executive editor and editor respectively...

RALPH H. MAJOR, JR., Editor